In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 11, line 1, with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Elastomeric traction pads 114 have upwardly projecting interlocking knob projections 116 which will pass through aperture 110 and lock the bite plate 110 and framework 86 together as may be appreciated in FIGS. 5, 10, 11, 11A and 12. The interlocking knob projections 116 suitably have a radius portion 118 to assure the mechanical interlock and to prevent the shearing away of the knobs 116 from the bite plate 106.--

RESPONSE

The Office Action states that Paper No. 10 recites that an amendment was filed in the specification, but that a pre-amendment filed in all other applications was not filed in the present case.

As Applicant stated in the Amendment and Response dated May 1, 2002, a substitute specification is not necessary. Instead, a single amendment to the specification will, in Applicant's view, be sufficient. Applicant inadvertently omitted this amendment, but it is being supplied herein.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the change made to the specification by the current amendment. The attached page is captioned <u>Version With Markings to Show Changes Made</u>.

For the above reason, Applicant respectfully requests the allowance of all claims and the issuance of a Notice of Allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

In the Specification:

Paragraph beginning at page 11, line 1, has been amended as follows:

--Elastomeric traction pads [117] <u>114</u> have upwardly projecting interlocking knob projections 116 which will pass through aperture 110 and lock the bite plate 110 and framework 86 together as may be appreciated in FIGS. 5, 10, 11, 11A and 12. The interlocking knob projections 116 suitably have a radius portion 118 to assure the mechanical interlock and to prevent the shearing away of the knobs 116 from the bite plate 106.--